

REMARKS/ELECTION

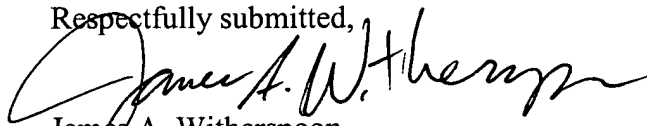
This is in response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003, in which the Examiner has required restriction between Species I (Figs. 1-3) and Species II (Figs. 4-14), and between Species II-A (Figs. 4-13) and Species II-B (Fig. 14) if Species II is elected. Applicant hereby provisionally elects without traverse to prosecute Species II-B (Fig. 14) and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions of the present application. Claims 16-38 read on elected Species II-B.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Office Action's indication that none of the claims are generic. It is respectfully submitted that at least some of the elected claims are generic.

Each of the foregoing claim amendments is made for purposes of clarification and does not narrow the scope of the claims.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

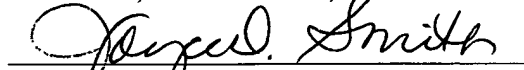
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